

AMENDMENT A, Contd.

**8) Claims with fan-out of at most any  $x$  ( $\geq 2$ ) in the first stage:**

Claim 192: 3-stage network of 3-stage subnetworks.

- 5           **3) Double patenting: Conflict of Claims of this application with Claims 1-138 of Application No. 09/967,815.**

Applicant has rewritten (regrouped) all claims as described in Table 1, to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the double patenting rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art.

- 10           **4) Provisional rejection of Claims 1,4,8,9,11-27,36,38-53,56,60,61,64-77,85,88,91-93,95,96,99-101,104,107,108 under 35 U.S.C. 101**

Also applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection since all the claims rewritten to correct the double patenting.

**CONCLUSION**

- 15           For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the Claims are now in proper form, and that the Claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action he respectfully solicits.

**Conditional request for Constructive Assistance**

- 20           Applicant has amended the claims of this application so that they are proper, definite, and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If, for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P § 2173.02 and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in  
25           allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

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